

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 2293

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP ETRD GE IR  
SUBJ: IRAN SUSPENDS TRADE WITH EAST GERMANY

REF: TEHRAN 2246

1. BEGIN UNCALSSIFIED: IN THE WAKE OF IRAN'S REDUCTION OF  
DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN EAST BERLIN, REPORTED IN REFTEL,  
THE MARCH 6 PRESS ANNOUNCED THAT THE IRANIAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY,  
IN A MEETING AT THE IRAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND MINES,  
DECIDED MARCH 5 TO STOP ALL BUSINESS RELATIONS WITH EAST  
GERMANY. THESE BUSINESSMEN REPORTEDLY CALLED ON THEIR BANKS TO  
STOP OPENING LETTERS OF CREDIT AND REGISTERING IMPORT ORDERS WITH  
EAST GERMAN SUPPLIERS. FURTHER, BUSINESS CONTACTS AT THE PUBLIC  
SECTOR LEVEL HAD ALSO STOPPED AND JOINT VENTURES IN CONSTRUCTION  
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AND OTHER FIELDS WOULD NOW BE REGARDED NULL AND VOID.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: THIS DISSEMBLING TACTIC WAS ALSO EMPLOYED  
IN THE SUSPENSION OF TRADE IN LATE 1977 WITH DENMARK AND ITALY,  
ALSO FOR THE REASON OF DISPLEASURE OVER HANDLING OF DEMONSTRATIONS  
AGAINST IRANIAN EMBASSIES. IN FACT, THE INSTRUCTION TO TERMINATE  
ANY TRADE DOCUMENTATION INVOLVING EAST GERMANY WAS TELEPHONED TO

THE BANKS BY THE EXCHANGE CONTROL DEPARTMENT OF THE CENTRAL BANK  
OF IRAN, AS ADMITTED BY THE POLITICAL INNOCENT OF THE BANK  
WHO MADE THE CALLS.  
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## Message Attributes

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